Helen Betty Osborne
Memorial Foundation

Annual Report
2005-2006

Manitoba

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His Honour the Honourable John Harvard, P.C., O.M.
Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

It is my privilege to present, for the information of Your Honour, the Annual Report of the Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation for the period ending March 31, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Honourable Dave Chomiak
Minister of Justice
Attorney General

Manitoba

Deputy Minister of Justice
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Honourable Dave Chomiak
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Dear Sir:

I submit for your approval the Annual Report of the Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation for the period ending March 31, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Perozzo, Q.C.
Deputy Minister of Justice and
Deputy Attorney General

HELEN BETTY
OSBORNE
MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION

Minister Dave Chomiak
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Room 104-450 Broadway Avenue
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My Dear Minister,

It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report for 2005-2006 for the Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation.

The Foundation continues to grow incrementally and we acknowledge the support of Manitoba Justice in providing in-kind support to achieving the goals of the Foundation.

The tireless effort of all trustees in working to assist Aboriginal students in Manitoba is shown in the increased ability of the Foundation to provide education assistance. We look forward to the continuing cooperation of the Government of Manitoba to move towards an independent operation of the Foundation.

Sincerely,

Marcy Richard

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HELEN BETTY OSBORNE
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period ending

MARCH 31, 2006

Helen Betty Osborne

Helen Betty Osborne was born in Norway House and was the eldest of 14 children born to Justine and Joseph Osborne. Betty had to leave her home community to attend school at Guy Hill Residential at Clearwater Lake and in order to realize her dream of becoming a teacher, in September 1971, she moved to The Pas to attend Margaret Barbour Collegiate Institute.

On the evening of her death, Betty was walking home when she was abducted, brutally beaten and finally killed. Even though the RCMP case was never closed, it lay dormant until 1983 when Constable Robert Urbanoski reviewed the file. His work finally brought the case to justice and sixteen years after her death, four local men were implicated in her death and one convicted in this crime.

The lack of justice in Betty's case was the subject of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry, co-chaired by Justice A.C. Hamilton (retired) and Justice C.M. Sinclair. The handling of her case became a benchmark for Aboriginal and Women's groups across the nation.

Twenty-nine years after Helen Betty Osborne's murder, on July 14, 2000, Justice Minister Gord Mackintosh apologized for the justice system's failure in the investigation of Betty's murder on behalf of the Manitoba Government.

Governing Legislation

On December 15, 2000, The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation (the Foundation) was established by an Act of the 2nd Session of the 37th Legislature of the Province of Manitoba.

In addition to establishing the Foundation, the Act recognizes that the justice system failed to do everything it could in the matter of Helen Betty Osborne and the Act acknowledges that the 16 year lag between Betty's murder and the laying of charges caused immense pain to the Osborne family. The Act reflects the finding of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry, which concluded that events surrounding Betty's murder and the long road to justice, were a direct result of racism, sexism, and indifference.

Role of the Foundation

The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation honours Helen Betty Osborne's memory by helping other Aboriginal students to pursue a post-secondary education.

The purpose of the Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation is to provide financial assistance to Aboriginal students attending Manitoba post secondary institutions. The Foundation is also tasked to raise awareness on the life of Helen Betty Osborne.

Board of Trustees

The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees and the following persons served as Trustees during the period of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

Marcy Richard, Chairperson
Chair – December 1, 2002 to present
Trustee – May 1, 2001 to November 30, 2002

Eleanor Thompson, Secretary
Trustee – February 22, 2005 to February 21, 2008

Diane Carriere, Treasurer
Trustee – December 1, 2002 to present

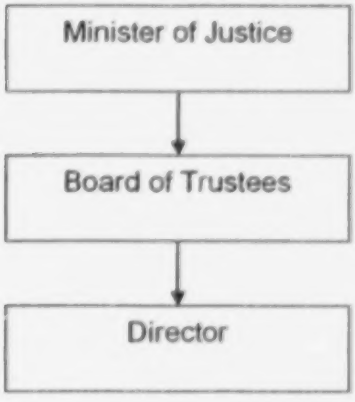
Cecilia Osborne
Trustee – May 1, 2001 to February 21, 2008

Arnold Asham
Trustee – February 22, 2005 to February 21, 2008

Bernie Boucher
Trustee – April 24, 2003 to April 6, 2006

Verna Kirkness
Trustee – December 1, 2002 to November 30, 2005

Organizational Chart



Awards Program

The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation makes it possible for Aboriginal post-secondary students to complete their chosen field of studies through the provision of financial awards bestowed annually to applicants selected by the Independent Adjudication Panel.

An annual deadline exists for applications. Students are eligible to apply if they are Aboriginal, a resident of Manitoba, maintain a 60% course load and demonstrate financial need.

The Foundation provides Information in brochure form regarding the Awards Program. Brochures and Application Forms are provided to all post-secondary institutions. Further information regarding the Award Program is available at the Foundation website, www.helenbettyosbornefdtn.ca.

Independent Adjudication Panel

An Independent Adjudication Panel (the Panel) of Aboriginal Educators was convened to review applications for the purpose of selecting recipients. The Panel consisted of Dr. Deo Poonwassie, Flora Zaharia, Sandy Funk, and was chaired by Wayne Mason. The Trustee supporting the Panel was Verna Kirkness.

Award Recipients

The Trustees of the Foundation were pleased to accept the recommendations of the Independent Adjudication Panel and for the 2005/06 school year, 14 awards were made to the following students:

General Awards - $1500

- **Irene Balfour**, Norway House Cree Nation,
  2nd Year Aboriginal Community Development at Assiniboine Community College;
- **Lavinia Bighetty**, Barren Lands First Nation,
  3rd Year First Nations and Aboriginal Counselling;
- **Jim Ducharme**, Crane River First Nation,
  2nd year Aboriginal Community Development at Assiniboine Community College;
- **Christine Hudrick**, Métis – Winnipeg Region,
  2nd Year Social Work;
- **Tara Monkman**, Métis – Vogar, MB,
  4th Year Science at the University of Manitoba;
- **Richelle Kapilik**, Métis – Winnipeg Region,
  1st Year Medical Radiologic Technology at Red River College;

- **Andrea Rose**, Métis – Winnipeg Region,
  1st Year Education at the University of Winnipeg;
- **Wendy Ross**, Cross Lake First Nation,
  2nd Year, Masters of Arts at the University of Manitoba;
- **Sandra Starr-McDonald**, Sandy Bay Ojibway Nation,
  2nd Year Aboriginal Self-Governance at Red River College;
- **Denise Woodford**, Lake Manitoba First Nation,
  1st Year Education at the University of Winnipeg;

Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Civil Technology/Engineering Award - $5000

- **George Ahmo**, Crane River First Nation,
  3rd Year Engineering at the University of Manitoba;
- **James Chychota**, Métis – Dauphin Region,
  4th Year Engineering at the University of Manitoba;
- **Allison Davies**, Métis - Winnipeg,
  3rd Year Civil Engineering Program at Red River College;
- **Corey Simpson**, Split Lake First Nation,
  3rd Year Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba

Awards Reception

The Foundation hosted the Awards Reception on November 3, 2005 at the Hotel Fort Garry with approximately 150 people attending. The Awards Reception is a celebration of the Foundation and an opportunity to acknowledge continued community support as well as announcing the recipients.

Jim Compton served as the Master of Ceremonies and Marcy Richard, Chair of the Foundation, delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the growth and success of the Foundation.

Honourable Gord Mackintosh presented remarks from the government and with his colleague, Honourable Oscar Lathlin, the Ministers presented the awards.

Gala Evening Celebration

The third annual Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation Gala Evening Celebration was held on May 12, 2005 at the Delta Winnipeg. It was a highly successful event and was very well received by all attendees. There were approximately 370 attendees, with

a total of twenty-one sponsor/corporate tables. The major sponsors of the event included:

GOLD LEVEL – Manitoba Metis Federation
SILVER LEVEL – Enterprise Rent-A-Car
BRONZE LEVEL - Manitoba Liquor Control Commission
Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation
University of Manitoba

A VIP Reception was hosted for the first time prior to the dinner. This VIP Reception provided the opportunity for the Board of Trustees to meet and to thank the sponsors for their generous support.

Minister Diane McGifford, Manitoba Education and Training, addressed the gathering and presented the Foundation with a $50 000 Endowment Contribution.

The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy provided the Keynote address. Dr. Axworthy remains involved in international matters and lectures widely in Canada, the United States, and abroad. Dr. Axworthy holds positions on several boards and companies. He is the University of Winnipeg's sixth President and Vice-Chancellor. His political career spanned 27 years, six of which was served in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly, and 21 was served in Federal House of Parliament. He is internationally known for the advancement of the human security concept, for which he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. He has been named to Order of Manitoba and to the Order of Canada and has received numerous awards for his contribution to the global community.

The fundraising activities, including a live, silent, and rainbow auction as well as the sponsorship commitments resulted in a net revenue of $24 870.19 to the Foundation.

Donor Drive

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation identified an annual Donor Drive to be part of the ongoing fundraising activities of the Foundation. The 2005 Donor Drive was planned for January 2005, but as a result of the devastating Tsunami on December 26, 2004, and the international humanitarian efforts to respond to this disaster, the Board of Trustees elected to postpone the Donor Drive.

As part of the new look of the Foundation, a Donor Drive package was developed and approximately 500 Donor packages were mailed out in November 2005.

Website Development

The Board of Trustees worked with Jennifer Cook from *Cats in the Bag Design* to update the existing website. The new website and new "look" of the Foundation was launched at the November 2004 Award Reception and ongoing updates and improvements have been implemented throughout the 2005/06 year. Work and updates of the website is ongoing.

Presentations to the University of New Mexico and the University of California

The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation was invited to deliver presentations on the life of Helen Betty Osborne, the Foundation, and the impact on public policy.

These presentations were delivered to the Native American Studies Department of the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, as well as to the Women's Resource Centre and Native American Student Program at the University of Southern California at Riverside.

THE HELEN BETTY OSBORNE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Statement of Financial Position
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash	$ 7,450	$ 53,176
Investments (Note 3)	163,469	95,090
Accrued Interest	1,016	334
	$ 171,935	$ 148,600
Liabilities		
Deferred contributions (Note 4)	$ -	$ 12,486
Net assets		
Unrestricted net assets	14,435	18,614
Restricted net assets	-	-
Endowment net assets	157,500	117,500
Total net assets	171,935	136,114
Liabililties and net assets	$ 171,935	$ 148,600

THE HELEN BETTY OSBORNE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2006	Total 2005
Revenues					
Investment Income (Note 5)	$ -	$ 6,608	$ -	$ 6,608	$ 500
Restricted Contributions (Note 4)	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Donations	76,275	-	-	76,275	88,704
	76,275	16,608	-	92,883	99,204
Expenses					
Bursaries and scholarships	-	35,000	-	35,000	10,500
Fundraising	72,062	-	-	72,062	70,538
	72,062	35,000	-	107,062	81,038
Excess of revenues over(under) expenses	4,213	(18,392)	-	(14,179)	18,166
Balance, beginning of year	18,614	-	117,500	136,114	57,948
Endowment Contributions	-	-	50,000	50,000	60,000
Inter-fund transfers	(8,392)	18,392	(10,000)	-	-
Balance, end of year	$ 14,435	$ -	$ 157,500	$ 171,935	$ 136,114

THE HELEN BETTY OSBORNE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended March 31, 2006

1. Incorporation and function

The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation is incorporated under The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation Act, which received royal assent on December 15, 2000. The legislated purpose of the Foundation is to receive donations of real and personal property, including money; to provide financial assistance to aboriginal persons residing in Manitoba who are enrolled in post secondary studies in Manitoba; and to promote the memory of Helen Betty Osborne.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

a) General

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations.

b) Fund Accounting

The Regulation of The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation Act directs that scholarships, bursaries and grants may be paid from the fund as long as the fund will contain at least $57,500 after the capital in question has been withdrawn from the fund. If the fund contains less than $57,500, the Foundation may only provide scholarships, bursaries and grants using income earned from the fund.

Revenues and expenses related to administrative activities are reported in the Unrestricted Fund.

Revenues and expenses related to bursaries and scholarships are recorded in the Restricted Fund.

The Endowment Fund is subject to externally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resources be maintained permanently.

c) Contributions and Investment Income

The Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets.

Investment income earned is restricted for bursary or scholarship purposes and is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

d) Donated Services

The Foundation is economically dependent on the Province of Manitoba. No amount has been reflected in the financial statements for the Foundation's audit fees, directors' expenses and other administrative services provided by the Province of Manitoba.

e) **Donations in Kind**

Various individuals or organizations donate items that are used in the fundraising activities of the Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation. These donations in kind have been included in the revenues and expenses where the fair value can be reasonably estimated.

f) **Statement of Cash Flows**

A statement of cash flows has not been presented in these financial statements, as no additional useful information would be provided by its inclusion.

g) **Financial Instruments**

The financial instruments of the Foundation consist of investments. It is management's opinion that the Foundation is not exposed to significant interest, currency, market of credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these instruments approximate their carrying values.

h) **Measurement Uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ form these estimates.

3. **Investments**

Investments are recorded at cost. They represent the contributions received by the Foundation, which are held on deposit with the Department of Finance at the current prevailing interest rate.

4. Deferred Contributions

Deferred contributions represent unspent resources externally restricted for scholarship or bursary purposes. Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	2006	2005
Beginning Balance	$ 12,486	$ 1,110
Add Investment revenue restricted for scholarship purposes	4,122	1,876
Add Restricted contributions	-	10,000
Sub-total	16,608	12,986
Less amount recognized as restricted contributions in current year	10,000	-
Less amount recognized as investment income in current year	6,608	500
Ending Balance	$ -	$ 12,486

5. Investment Income

Investment income earned is reported as follows:

	2006	2005
Income earned on investments during the year restricted for bursary and scholarship purposes	$ 4,122	$ 1,876
Deferred contributions carried forward from previous year	2,486	1,110
Sub-total	6,608	2,986
Less amounts deferred Restricted for bursary and scholarship purposes	-	2,486
Total investment income recognized as revenue	$ 6,608	$ 500

6. Comparative Figures

Certain of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's financial statement presentation.